



Middlebury  
College

Alumni and Parent Programs  
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"The surroundings can't  
be beat. Being in the  
presence of so many  
well-educated, articulate  
individuals and sharing  
experiences and ideas  
was the best."

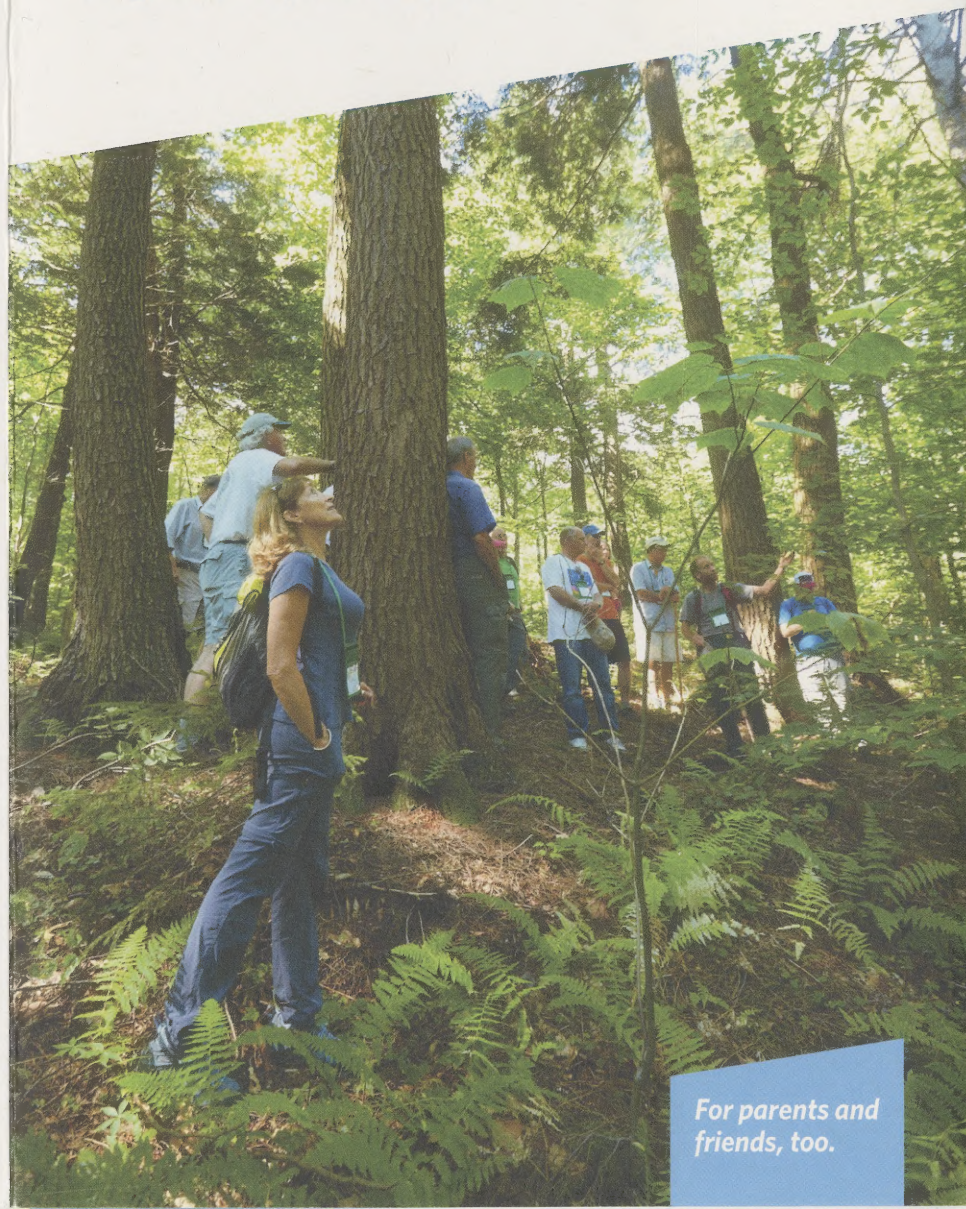
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# Let's Explore!

**MIDDLEBURY ALUMNI COLLEGE**

August 31—September 3, 2017



For parents and  
friends, too.

## Come back to college.

Choose a course and enjoy four days with alumni, parents, and friends, learning from some of Middlebury's finest professors, enjoying delicious meals, and exploring our Bread Loaf campus and its surroundings. Alumni College is a Middlebury tradition not to be missed!



## 2017 ALUMNI COLLEGE COURSES

### How We Think and Why It Matters

Jason Arndt, Professor of Psychology

Learn about the current state of our understanding of cognitive abilities and discuss real-world situations where consideration of how our cognitive processes work can inform us about our own behavior and/or public policy.

### Food Politics 2017: An Unfolding Story

Molly Anderson, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Food Studies

Food politics encompass the ways decisions are made in food systems and how these decisions affect who has access to resources, markets, and food. In this class, we'll look at what's happening in food politics and what's at stake with a new administration in Washington and the 2018 Farm Bill.

### What Can I Say? Free Speech in the United States and Europe

Erik Bleich, Professor of Political Science

Freedom of speech is a core value in liberal democracies, but at times it conflicts with our desire to limit racism in our public discussions. These tensions play out in politics, in the media, in the workplace, and on college campuses. We will look at the development of legal speech doctrines and debate the appropriate limits on racist speech in different contexts.

### The Rich Geological History of Vermont

Ray Coish, Robert R. Churchill Professor Emeritus of Geosciences

Vermont, part of the Appalachian Mountain system, is amazing in its variety of bedrock geology. We'll learn about modern plate tectonics and critical parts of the geology of Vermont so that we can better understand the geological evolution of the state. Includes field trips to see rocks in their local setting. (This course requires an additional \$25 transportation fee.)

### The British TV Crime Drama

Sujata Moorti, Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies

*Sherlock*, *Inspector Lewis*, and *Prime Suspect* are a few of the recent popular British television crime dramas. What makes these shows pleasurable and why do we watch them? We'll explore the political economy of the British broadcasting industry; Britain's encounters with modernity; its colonial and postcolonial histories; and its structures of race, class, gender, and sexuality.

To read more about each of these courses, please visit [go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege](http://go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege).

"All the attendees were interesting, thoughtful, and curious. The days were a well-designed balance of class time, together time, and free time."

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## ALUMNI COLLEGE FACULTY

**Jason Arndt** is a professor of psychology and an affiliate of the Neuroscience Program. He studies memory processes and regularly publishes papers in the journals *Memory*, *Memory & Cognition*, and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, among others.

**Molly Anderson**, the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Food Studies, organizes the Food Studies Program. She teaches about hunger, agroecology, fixing food systems, food sovereignty, and other topics, and is involved in food system planning and policy at many different levels.

**Erik Bleich** is professor of political science. He specializes in the politics of race and ethnicity, and has written on topics such as hate crimes, Islamophobia, and media portrayals of minorities. His publications include *The Freedom to Be Racist?*

**Ray Coish** is the Robert R. Churchill Professor Emeritus of Geosciences. He taught courses on the geology of Vermont, mineralogy, volcanoes, earthquakes, planetary geology, and petrology. Ray's research explores the origins of ancient volcanoes and tectonics of the Appalachians.

**Sujata Moorti**, professor of gender, sexuality, and feminist studies, is the author of several books. Her most recent manuscript, *All-American Crime Drama*, centers on the hit show *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*. She has written extensively on the South Asian diaspora and critical race theories.

Get to know your professors better! Read their full bios online at [go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege](http://go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege).



## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**The joy of learning, the beauty of Middlebury's Bread Loaf campus.** At Alumni College, each day is filled with new ideas, plus plenty of time to relax and enjoy the company of friends. Between class sessions, enjoy delicious meals, hike the Bread Loaf trails, and take in the mountain vistas from an Adirondack chair. There's time to socialize, time to relax, and time to expand your knowledge.

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| 7:00–8:30 a.m. | Breakfast at Bread Loaf Inn                    |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Class                                          |
| 10:15 a.m.     | Coffee/tea break outside the Little Theatre    |
| 10:45 a.m.     | Class                                          |
| 12:30 p.m.     | Lunch at Bread Loaf Inn                        |
| 1:30 p.m.      | Class                                          |
| 2:30 p.m.      | Classes end for the day                        |
|                | Free time to hike, swim, or relax with friends |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Reception behind the Little Theatre            |
| 6:30 p.m.      | Dinner at Bread Loaf Inn                       |

## THURSDAY EVENING LECTURE

### “The Hard Discussion We Never Had”

Mike Heaney '64 will talk about the unlearned lessons of the Vietnam War and what they meant for Americans and Vietnamese then and now. Heaney, who was wounded in Vietnam, teaches the history of the war, and will appear in Ken Burns' upcoming documentary on the war.



## HOW TO REGISTER

**ONLINE:** [go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege](http://go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege)

**BY PHONE:** 802-443-5183

## TUITION AND FEES

### Alumni College Weekend

\$550 per person with lodging / \$450 per person without lodging

*First-time attendees and those who haven't attended in 10 years or more get 10 percent off!*

The price of Alumni College includes tuition and meals at Bread Loaf from Thursday lunch to Sunday breakfast. Lodging is also available Wednesday evening for an additional \$50, which includes breakfast Thursday. Books, articles, and field trips may be required for your course at an additional cost; you will receive course information after registration.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations are rustic, with dormitory-style buildings with shared bathrooms. Most rooms require the use of stairs; however, a limited number of handicap-accessible rooms are available upon special request with registration.

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